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Docket No.: 50107-459

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
James E. Curry et al. :  
Serial No.: Unassigned : Group Art Unit: 2733  
(Cont. of 08/768,460, filed 12/18/1996) :  
Filed: Concurrently : Examiner: Huy D. VU  
For: INTERNET LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 32, line 27, after "routers 84" insert --(R)--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 23-27, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 20, as shown below.

1. (Amended) A method of telecommunication over a wide area packet switched network, the method comprising:

sending from a calling party a called number, corresponding to a called party and including an area code, to a first central office connected to a first telephone system;